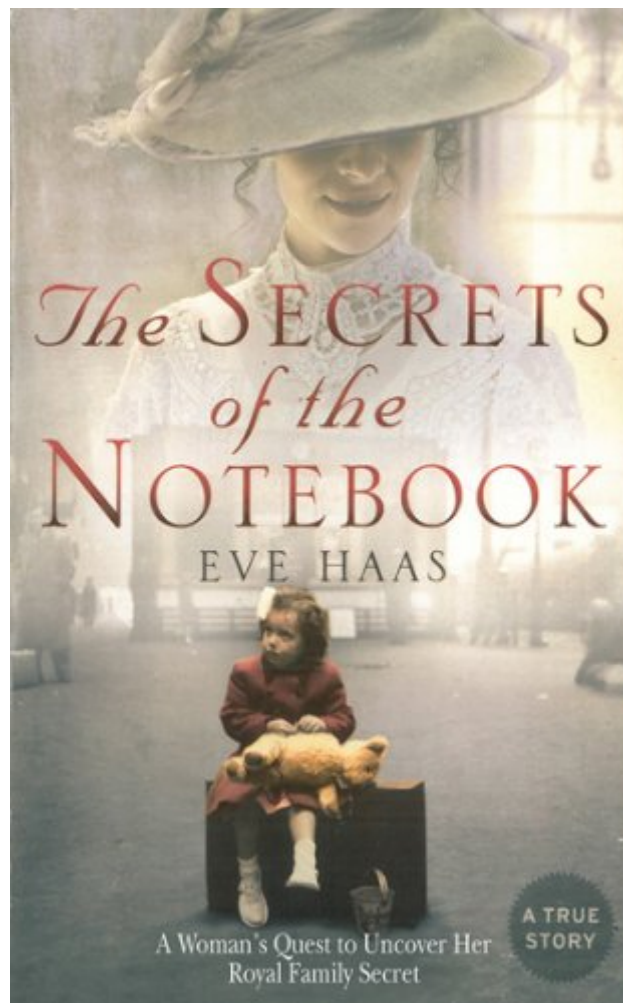




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The Secrets Of The Notebook: A Woman's Quest To Uncover Her Royal Family Secret



Synopsis

“The beautiful owner of this book is dearer to me than my life” August your protector. • This one sentence was the key to a mystery involving some of the greatest and most infamous figures in European history, from Frederick the Great to Napoleon and Hitler and solved by the author of this book. Eve Haas is the daughter of a German Jewish family that took refuge in London after Hitler came to power. Following a terrifying air raid in the blitz, her father revealed the family secret, that her great-great grandmother Emilie was married to a Prussian prince. He then showed her the treasured leather-bound notebook inscribed to Emilie by the prince. Her parents were reluctant to learn more, but later in life, when Eve was married and inherited the diary, she became obsessed with proving this birthright. The Secrets of the Notebook tells how she follows the clues, from experts on European royalty in London to archives in West Germany and then, under threat of being arrested as a spy by the Communist regime, to an archive in East Germany that had never before opened its doors to the West. What she unearths is a love story set against the upheaval of the Napoleonic wars and the anti-Semitism of the Prussian court, and a ruse that both protected Emilie’s daughter and probably condemned her granddaughter Eve’s beloved grandmother, Anna, to death in the Nazi camps. When first published in the UK, The Secrets of the Notebook was an Irish Times bestseller. A movie based on the book is in production.

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Customer Reviews

What an awesome truth of finding answers to family secrets...well written, and worth the read. Let us always remember the truth of history.

I just started reading stories about The Holocaust. My Dad's side of the family is Jewish. We never talked about it much. My Grandmother doesn't talk about it. It was very painful to read at first, and now, I can't seem to find enough. I try find different perspectives from all that were effected. This story, reflects a different aspect once again.

Most interesting parts are the efforts author and her husband went through to get access to historical info in East German archives. Otherwise, author's obsession with fantasies of royal events becomes tedious filler to a quest that could have taken up about 25% of a much more compelling family history.

Good book but it drags in some places. A must read for anyone who has German ancestors.

Very interesting book, especially since I've been delving into my family genealogy. Trying to obtain documents/info from behind the Iron Curtain was quite a challenge. Eve and her family certainly deserve lots of credit for bravery and perseverance. I enjoyed the book, learned a lot, but mostly was very interested in the family history it presented. This shows how genealogical research can bring wonderful rewards.

Was disappointed in this book. Felt the writing was not what I am used to reading. Interesting because it was true but very hard to stay with it - she evidently didn't have much help in putting it together.

This was a very interesting book. My family is very interested in genealogy, however we have never found anything like this in our history. The lengths the founders of the family took to protect identities ;which then led to the later generations being driven from their homeland because of an identity they adopted is sad, but also inspiring. I will recommend this book to others.

This was truly a fascinating book! Mrs. Haas should be admired for her persistence in researching her family history through all the twists and turns it took to accomplish her goal. She wrote so well of her journey that I felt as if I was with her throughout the entire process. I fell in love with her family and felt much sorrow for Emilie, Charlotte, and Anna. Life dealt them a sad hand of days but it quite apparent they persevered with dignity.

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